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In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 3-5, 8, 9, and 11; and add new Claims 12-15 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co, Ni, Fe, Ni alloys, Fe alloys, and Co alloys.